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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING  
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action, dated November 20, 2002. The amendment is filed with the accompanying Request for Continuing Examination of same date and a Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months from the outstanding Office Action of November 20, 2002, made final, with appropriate fees.

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

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